

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Suzanne Terry on being named a National Educator of the Year by the National Speech and Debate Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Terry is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Terry was recently named a National Educator of the Year by the National Speech and Debate Association, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the National Educator of the Year Award was created to honor an individual who has enhanced the quality of education in the field of speech and debate; Suzanne Terry was selected for this prestigious award from a pool of more than 5,000 member-coaches and teachers; and

WHEREAS, an award-winning forensics, speech, and debate teacher, Ms. Terry has served the Morristown community and students of West High School for more than thirty years as a forensics and theatre educator; and

WHEREAS, her students know her to be an empathetic, inspirational leader, a fashionable "forensics mom" who gives them the courage and confidence to aspire to greatness; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Terry is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Terry serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Terry truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Suzanne Terry on her selection as a National Educator of the Year by the National Speech and Debate Association, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.